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Dear Colleagues,

This year is moving swiftly! As many of you are aware nomination packages for the first Outstanding Religious Program Specialist of the Year board are due to this office no later than 10 January 2004 per OPNAVINST 1650.27. Although January seems far away, it's just around the corner. This is an outstanding program and a wonderful opportunity to promote high morale and reward professional excellence within the RP community.

As we near the closing of the nomination period (1 October 2002 - 30 September 2003), I encourage each of you in leadership positions to start preparing your packages soon, per OPNAVINST 1650.27. Some of you may have already begun preparing nomination packages. Ensure you have your respective Commander's endorsement as outlined in the instruction and plan your local boards to select only one RP in each category for each echelon and each claimant. There are undoubtedly many top performing RPs that deserve this recognition. Let's make every effort to nominate RPs that are truly deserving of this noteworthy recognition.

The SEA and I look forward to the submission of your nominations for the Navy and Marine Corps' finest Religious Program Specialists.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis V. Iasiello", is written over a horizontal line.

Louis V. Iasiello  
Rear Admiral, Chaplain Corps  
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Chief of Navy Chaplains